Supplementary Information

Tree height and leaf drought tolerance traits shape growth responses across droughts in a temperate broadleaf forest

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year	month	PDSI	rank
1966	May	-2.98	2
	June	-3.40	2
	July	-4.08	2
	August	-4.82	1
1977	May	-2.96	3
	June	-3.28	3
	July	-3.61	3
	August	-3.68	3
1999	May	-3.63	1
	June	-4.21	1
	July	-4.53	1
	August	-4.64	2

Table S2. Species-specific bark thickness regression equations

Species	Equations	R^2
Carya cordiformis	ln[B]=-1.56+0.416*ln[DBH]	0.226
Carya glabra	ln[B]=-0.393+0.268*ln[DBH]	0.040
Carya ovalis	ln[B]=-2.18+0.651*ln[DBH]	0.389
Carya tomentosa	ln[B]=-0.477+0.301*ln[DBH]	0.297
Fagus grandifolia	ln[B]=1*ln[DBH]	
Fraxinus americana	ln[B]=0.418+0.268*ln[DBH]	0.256
Juglans nigra	ln[B]=0.346+0.279*ln[DBH]	0.246
Liriodendron tulipifera	ln[B]=-1.14+0.463*ln[DBH]	0.545
Quercus alba	ln[B]=-2.09+0.637*ln[DBH]	0.603
Quercus prinus	ln[B]=-1.31+0.528*ln[DBH]	0.577
Quercus rubra	ln[B]=-0.593+0.292*ln[DBH]	0.087

Table S3. Species-specific height regression equations

Species	Equations	R^2
Carya cordiformis	ln[H] = 0.332+0.808*ln[DBH]	0.874
Carya glabra	ln[H] = 0.685+0.691*ln[DBH]	0.841
Carya ovalis	ln[H] = 0.533+0.741*ln[DBH]	0.924
Carya tomentosa	ln[H] = 0.726+0.713*ln[DBH]	0.897
Fagus grandifolia	ln[H] = 0.708+0.662*ln[DBH]	0.857
Liriodendron tulipifera	ln[H] = 1.33+0.52*ln[DBH]	0.771
Quercus alba	ln[H] = 0.74+0.645*ln[DBH]	0.719
Quercus prinus	ln[H] = 0.41+0.757*ln[DBH]	0.886
Quercus rubra	ln[H] = 1.00+0.574*ln[DBH]	0.755
all	ln[H] = 0.839+0.642*ln[DBH]	0.857

Table S4. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where Rt is used as the response variable.

		all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
variable	category	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	-0.80	0.0630	2.29**	0.190	1.92*	-0.152	3.36**	0.1500
	D/SR		0.0000		0.000		0.000		0.0000
PLA		6.70	-0.0140	9.13**	-0.025	-0.32	-0.010	-0.95	-0.0070
LMA		-2.01	0.0002	-1.9	0.001	-1.68	-0.002	-2.03	0.0003
π_{tlp}		1.33	-0.1740	-1.65	-0.107	1.23*	-0.245	-0.1	-0.1690
WD		-1.97	-0.0310	-1.26	-0.206	-1.44	-0.154	0.66	0.2720

Variable abbreviations are as in Table 2. ΔAICc is the AICc of a model excluding the trait minus that of the model including it.

*ΔAICc > 1: variable meets ΔAICc criterion for inclusion in full model

**ΔAICc > 2: variable is considered significant as an individual predictor (and meets ΔAICc criterion for inclusion in full model)

Table S5. Individual tests of species traits as drivers of drought resistance, where Rt_{ARIMA} is used as the response variable.

		all droughts		1966		1977		1999	
variable	category	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients	ΔAICc	coefficients
xylem porosity	R	-1.47	0.0420	0.95	0.1520	2.84**	-0.171	2.27**	0.155
	D/SR		0.0000		0.0000		0.000		0.000
PLA		4.48**	-0.0120	10.15**	-0.0240	-0.9	-0.008	-1.67	-0.005
LMA		-1.99	-0.0003	-2.02	0.0005	-0.42	-0.003	-1.9	0.001
π_{tlp}		0.42	-0.1510	-1.94	-0.0530	-0.53	-0.179	0.04	-0.200
WD		-1.94	-0.0390	-0.08	-0.3040	-1.57	-0.142	0.83	0.316

Variable abbreviations are as in Table 2. ΔAICc is the AICc of a model excluding the trait minus that of the model including it.

*ΔAICc > 1: variable meets ΔAICc criterion for inclusion in full model

**ΔAICc > 2: variable considered significant as an individual predictor

Table S6. Summary of top full models for each drought instance, where Rt is used as the response variable.

drought	ΔAICc	R^2	Intercept	$ln[H]$	$ln[TWI]$	$ln[H]*ln[TWI]$	PLA	π_{tlp}
all	**0.000**	**0.12**	**1.131**	**-0.057**	**-0.086**	**-**	**-0.012**	**-0.113**
	0.583	0.11	1.423	-0.055	-0.086	-	-0.013	-
	0.726	0.12	1.537	-0.202	-0.326	0.082	-0.012	-0.114
	1.352	0.11	1.826	-0.198	-0.324	0.081	-0.013	-
1966	**0.000**	**0.25**	**1.622**	**-0.135**	**-**	**-**	**-0.025**	**-**
1977	**0.000**	**0.22**	**0.503**	**-**	**-0.144**	**-**	**-**	**-0.24**
	0.908	0.21	1.069	-	-0.144	-	-	-
	0.988	0.22	0.568	-0.03	-0.139	-	-	-0.246
	1.144	0.24	0.684	-	-0.142	-	-0.007	-0.204
	1.267	0.22	1.211	-	-0.141	-	-0.01	-
1999	**0.000**	**0.18**	**1.061**	**-**	**-0.102**	**-**	**-**	**-**
	0.023	0.19	0.659	-	-0.101	-	-	-0.169
	0.954	0.19	1.157	-	-0.1	-	-0.007	-
	1.513	0.21	0.783	-	-0.1	-	-0.005	-0.145
	1.803	0.18	1.024	0.013	-0.103	-	-	-
	1.901	0.19	0.635	0.011	-0.102	-	-	-0.166

Models are ranked by AICc. Shown are all models whose AICc value falls within 2.0 (ΔAICc<1) of the best model (bold). R^2 refers to conditional R^2. Year was included in the model for all drought years, but its effect was not included in any top models, and coefficients were small (1966: 0, 1977: -0.019, 1999: -0.005; same values in all top models).

Table S7. Summary of top models for each drought instance, where Rt_{ARIMA} is used as the response variable.

drought	ΔAICc	R^2	Intercept	$ln[H]$	$ln[TWI]$	$ln[H] * ln[TWI]$	PLA	π_{tlp}	$(1\|sp)[novariables]$
all	**0.000**	**0.09**	**1.125**	**-0.307**	**-0.506**	**0.140**	**-0.012**		
	0.425	0.10	0.879	-0.310	-0.508	0.140	-0.011	-0.096	
	1.208	0.09	0.424	-0.060	-0.100		-0.012		
	1.695	0.10	0.178	-0.061	-0.100		-0.011	-0.095	
1966	**0.000**	**0.23**	**1.660**	**-0.154**			**-0.024**		
	1.393	0.23	1.735	-0.152	-0.047		-0.024		
	1.457	0.23	1.859	-0.152			-0.025	0.078	
1977	**0.000**	**0.16**	**1.130**		**-0.180**				
	0.424	0.16	2.453	-0.461	-0.896	0.250			
	0.688	0.17	0.720		-0.179			-0.173	
	0.922	0.17	2.040	-0.466	-0.898	0.251		-0.180	
	0.927	0.17	1.248		-0.177		-0.008		
	1.322	0.17	2.569	-0.461	-0.893	0.250	-0.008		
	1.709	0.15	1.183	-0.020	-0.177				
1999	**0.000**	**0.20**	**0.563**		**-0.076**			**-0.200**	
	0.064	0.19	0.421					-0.202	
	0.127	0.18	1.036		-0.077				
	0.256	0.18							0.899
	1.777	0.20	0.529	0.016	-0.078			-0.195	
	1.797	0.20	1.101		-0.076		-0.004		
	1.815	0.18	0.986	0.018	-0.079				
	1.838	0.20	0.972				-0.005		
	1.933	0.19	0.391	0.012				-0.199	
	1.979	0.21	0.612		-0.075		-0.002	-0.190	
	1.999	0.21	0.482				-0.002	-0.190	

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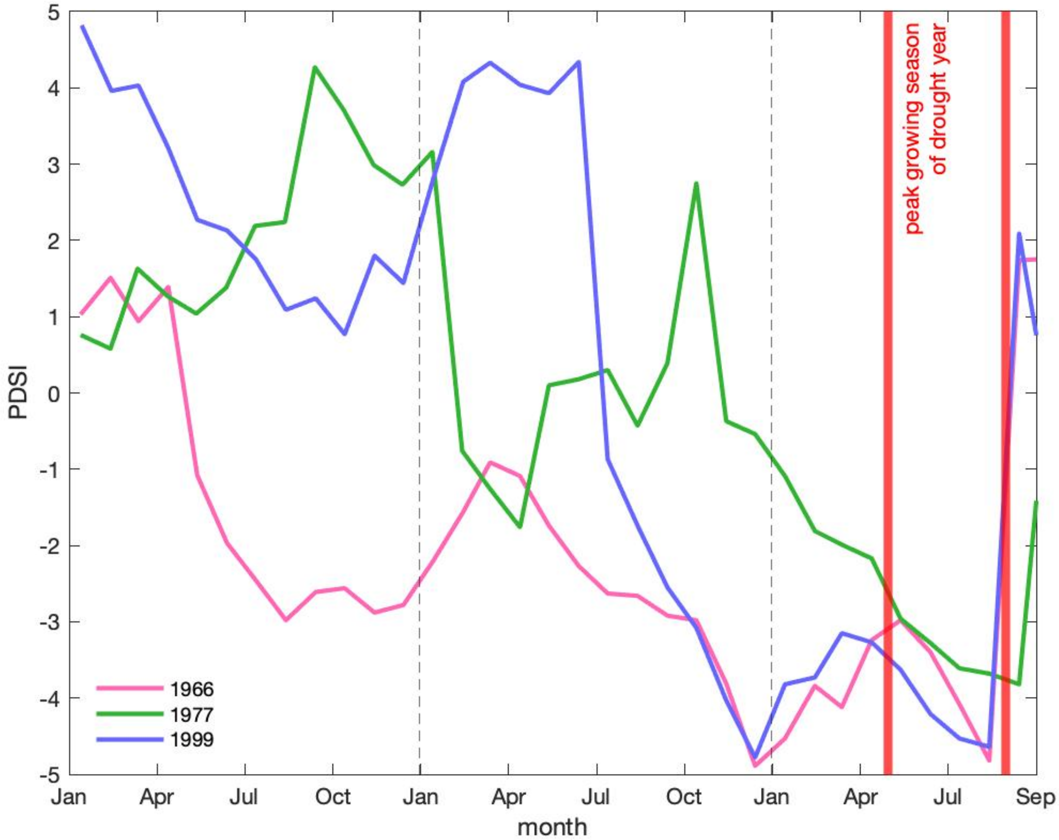

Figure S1. Time series of Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) for the 2.5 years prior to each focal drought

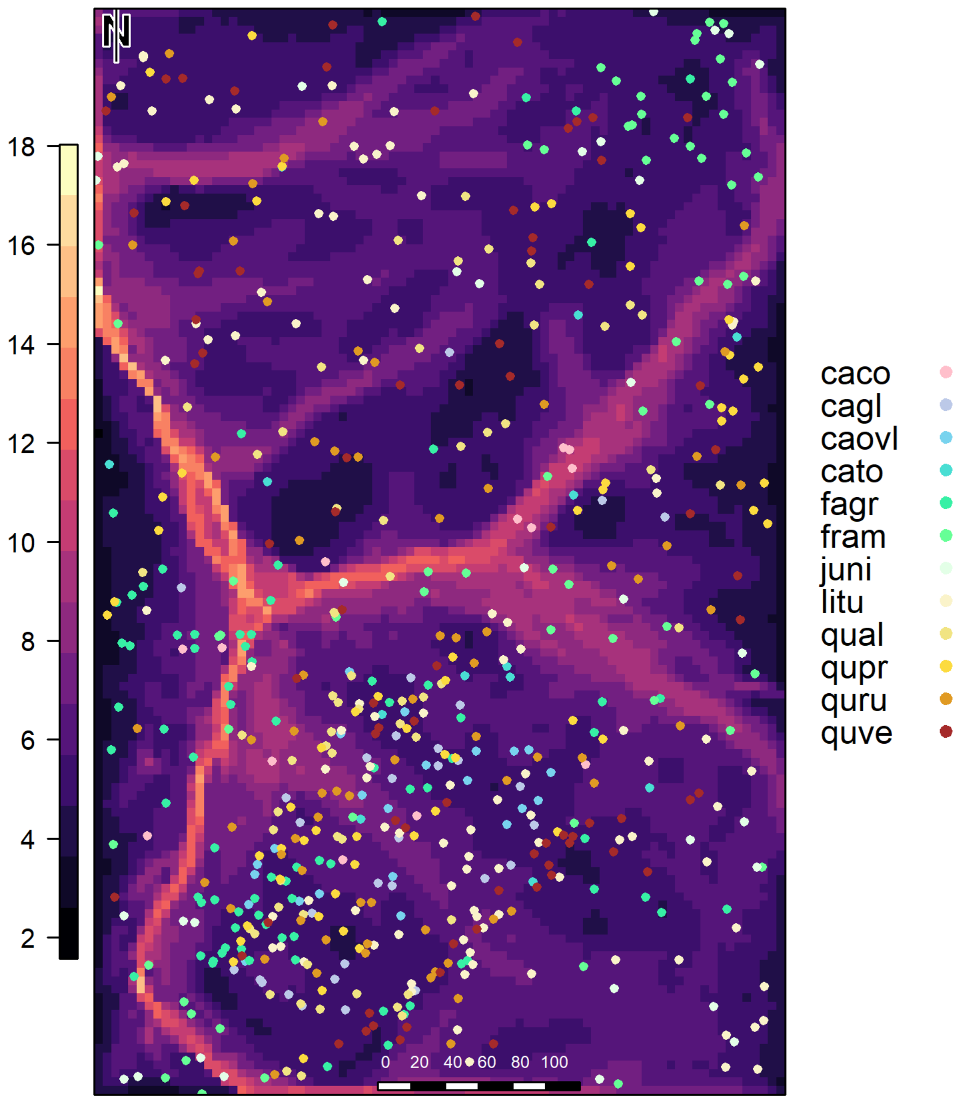

Figure S2. Map of ForestGEO plot showing topographic wetness index and location of cored trees. Scale units are in meters

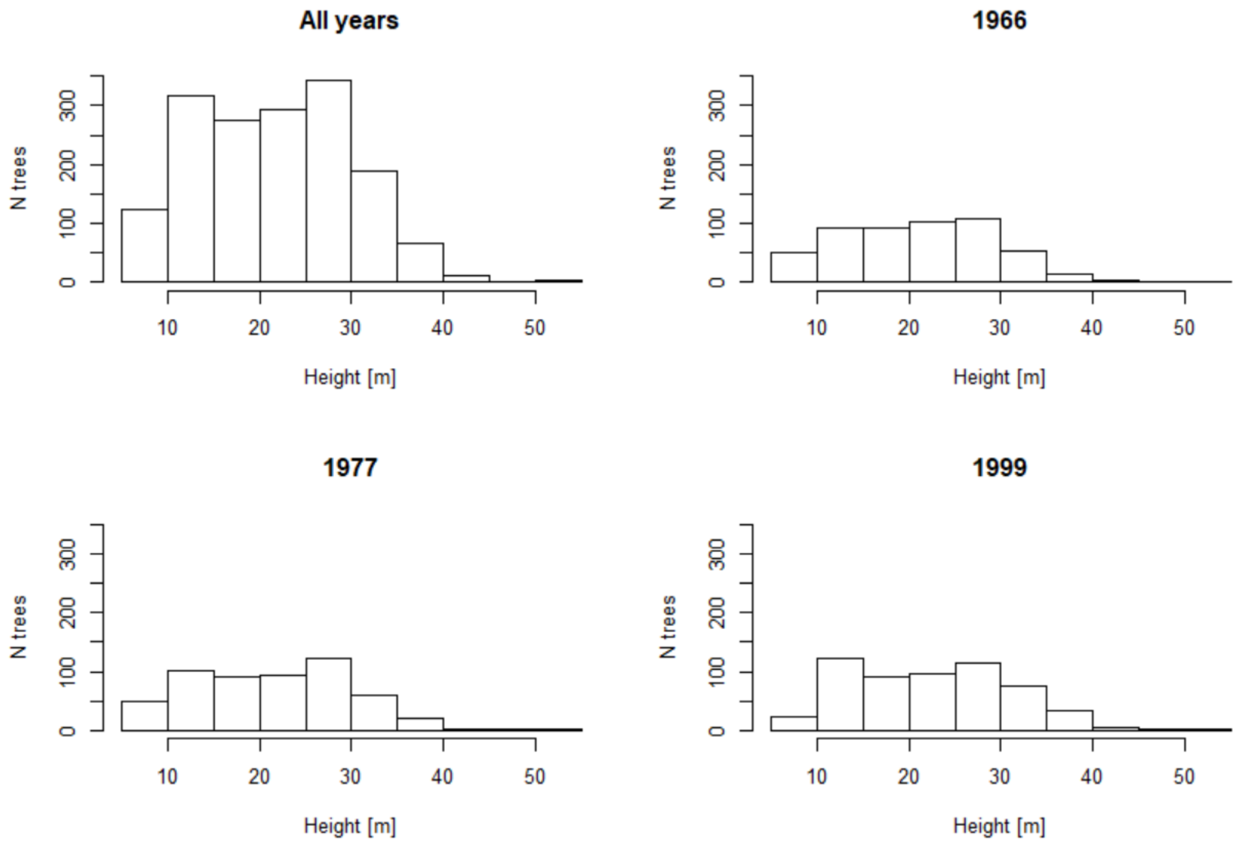

Figure S3. Distribution of reconstructed tree heights across drought years.

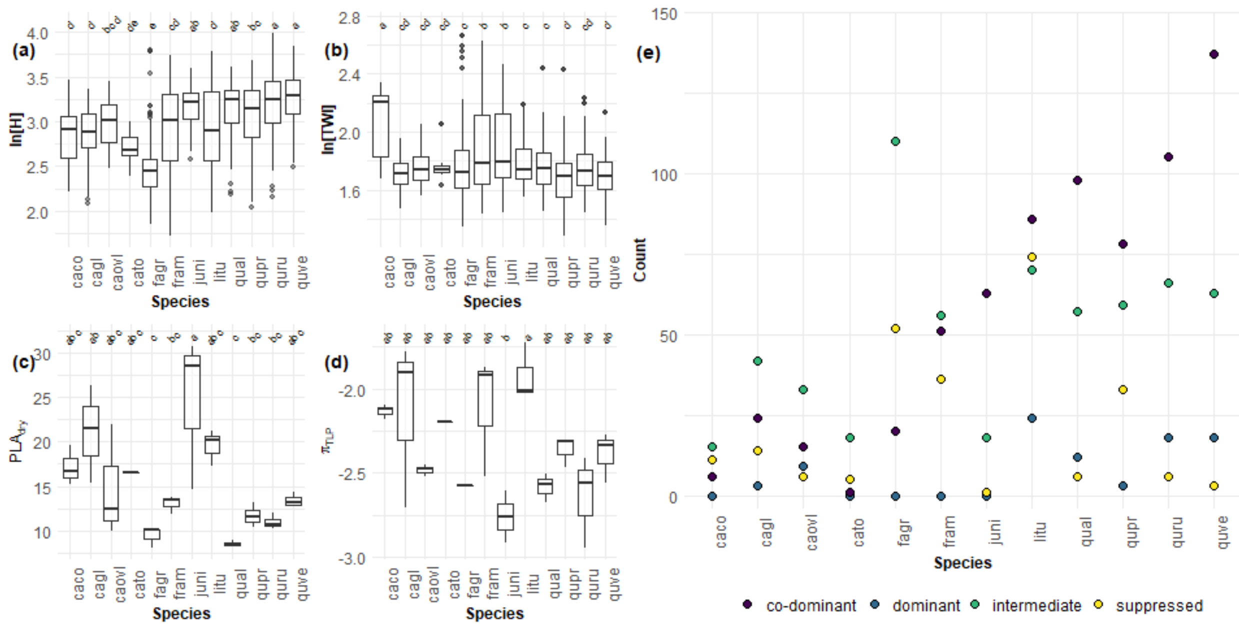

Figure S4. Distribution of independent variables by species. Species that are assigned the same letter are not significantly different from each other with regard to the tested variable.

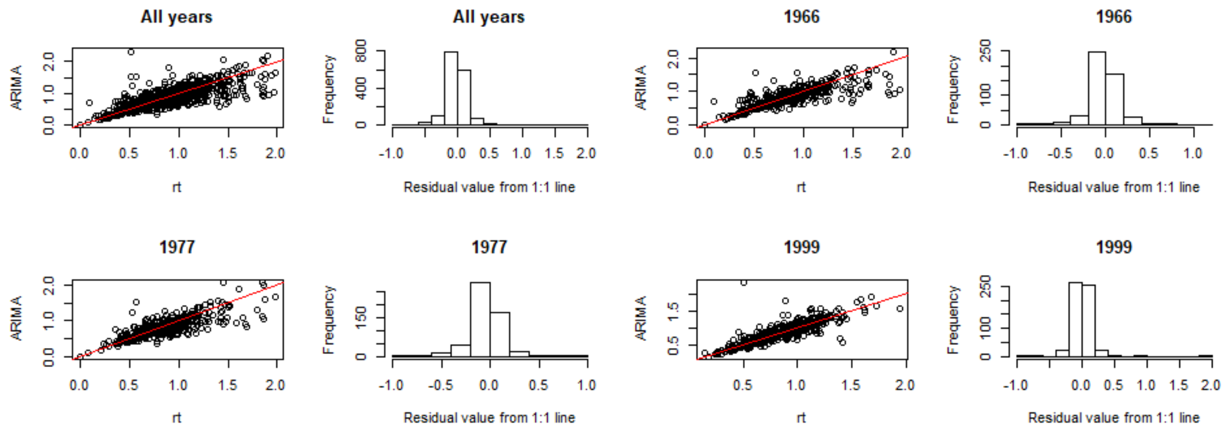

Figure S5. Comparison of Rt and Rt_{ARIMA} results, with residuals, for each drought scenario

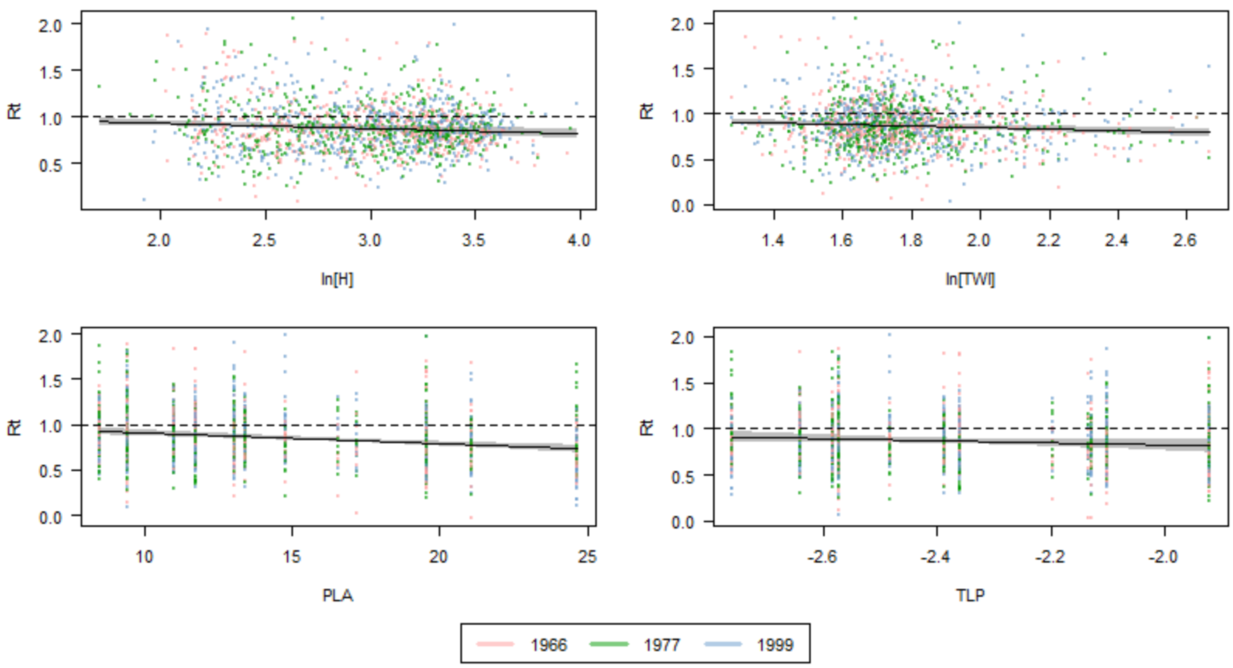

Figure S6. Visualization of the best model (ΔAICc=0) with data for all droughts combined. Model coefficients are given in Table S6.

Further Package Citations

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